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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION "POINT OF CONTACT"** **JUNE 2008 NEWSLETTER**

### **DOT Publishes Agenda**

The Department of Transportation published their semiannual regulatory agenda on May 5, in which they forecast activity over the next six months. It anticipates that NHTSA's school bus occupant protection final rule will be issued in October; a supplemental NPRM to the Unified Registration System rulemaking will be issued in September; and the long-awaited NPRM regarding the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners will be issued in August. Strangely, the agenda does not mention FMCSA's Entry-level CDL Training Requirements rulemaking, which is currently still open for comments.

### **SDSTA 2008 Summer Meeting**

The summer meeting of the South Dakota School Transportation Association will be on Friday July 18, 2008 in the meeting room of River City Transit in Pierre, SD beginning at 10:30 am. The address is 1600 E. Dakota. A meal will be available on sight.

We are expecting to have a speaker on the benefits of routing software. Confirmation for this guest is pending at this time. There will be recognition of retirees, 25 years of service, and Driver of the Year. Other subjects are still in the works. If anyone has an idea for other speakers or items to have on the meeting agenda, please let Tim Steichen know by phone (605-882-6335) or e-mail (tim.steichen@k12.sd.us).

Please make plans to attend the summer meeting of the SDSTA. It is the attendee's involvement and member membership that makes the Association what it is.

## **REMEMBER TO REGISTER FOR THE 2008 ANNUAL SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING and** **TRAIN the TRAINER SESSIONS**

The first TTT session will be in Sioux Falls, SD on Monday, July 21, 2008 at School Bus, Inc., 5100 W 8<sup>th</sup> St. (from the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> St & Marion Rd, go 1 block east on 8<sup>th</sup> St).

The second TTT session will be in Pierre, SD on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at the Cultural Heritage Center Building. The address is 900 Governors Dr. – it is the next building located NE of the state Library. Take the street (E Broadway St) on the North side of the State Capitol and go east to Governors Drive. Turn north and go to the address above.

The third TTT session will be in Rapid City, SD on Thursday, July 24, 2008 at the Rapid City School District Transportation Facility, 3775 S Hwy #79 (Cambell St). It is located about 2 blocks south of the intersection of Cambell and Fairmont, take the service road to the school complex and then to building "D".

Each session will be from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There will be a lunch break from 12:00 to 1:00. Attendees will be responsible for their own meals and room if they wish to stay overnight.

Concerns have been expressed to the State concerning the quality of training by some TTT's. This year each TTT will be required to give out evaluation forms for each class given. Classes may be limited to the capacity of the room. Please register early. These will be the only three TTT classes held this year. Cost for each attendee will be \$75.00 per person. You may bring a check made payable to School Bus, Inc. the day of the training, pre-pay by sending us a check in the mail or we will bill the company (cost for non-tax exempt companies attending in the following cities will be: Sioux Falls \$79.44 w/tax, Pierre & Douglas \$79.50 w/tax) or school district after the training is completed. School Bus, Inc. will purchase three sets of training CD's for the TTT to use for their

**training. All attendees should bring a notebook, pen and pencil for the classes. The deadline for TTT registration will be Friday, July 3, 2008 for all three classes. You may register for any class by calling Jim Shafer (605-334-6644), sending a fax (605-334-4245) or an email to: [jimschoolbusinc.sfsd@k12.sd.us](mailto:jimschoolbusinc.sfsd@k12.sd.us) Please reference "TTT, date and location you wish to attend".**

The following link is to a PDF file that has of all this summer current training dates listed.

<http://doe.sd.gov/oatq/transportation/docs/2008%20BUS%20DRIVER%20TRNG%20ANNOUNCEMENT.pdf>

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